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Claim 1 has been amended.

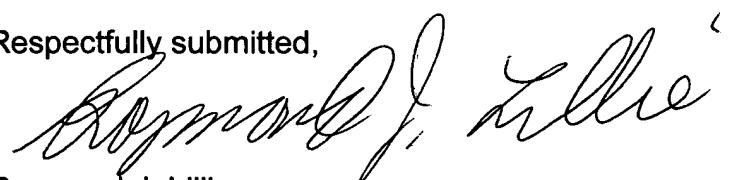
Claims 23-25 have been cancelled without prejudice. The fact that Claims 23-25 have been cancelled without prejudice is not to be construed as an admission by Applicants or Applicants' attorneys that such claims are not patentable, and Applicants reserve the right to prosecute such claims in a continuing application.

Claim 4, which was objected to, has been cancelled, and its limitations incorporated into Claim 1. Therefore, Claim 1 now is allowable. Claims 3, 5, 21, and 22, which also depend ultimately from Claim 1, now are allowable as well.

Claims 6-15 have been allowed.

All claims remaining in the above-identified application now are allowed or allowable. For the above reasons and others, this application is in condition for allowance, and it is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn and a favorable action is hereby solicited.

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